

**Final Report
To
Arizona Sportsmen For Wildlife Conservation**

**\$1,800 Grant
to
9th Annual Native and Wild Trout Conference
April 12, 2018**

The 9th Annual Native and Wild Trout Conference was deemed to be another success with record 156 registrations representing 56 individuals from various conservation organizations, state and federal agencies.

The annual event has grown from 42 attendees in 2010 over the years representing a variety of conservation organizations, state and federal agencies.

This year Ty Gray, Director of the Arizona Game and Fish Department, was the keynote speaker. Eighteen presentations from various conservation organizations and governmental agencies addressed topics such as the protection of wildlife from the challenges of climate change and forest fires, stream monitoring programs, native and wild trout restorations and collaborations with the Trout Unlimited Southwest Native Trout Strategy (see attached agenda).

Two conservation awards instituted in 2014 to honor an organization (Apache Award) and an individual (Gila Trout) "*for their dedication to the conservation, protection and restoration of native and wild trout*" continued.

The 2018 Apache Trout Award was presented to the Mora National Fish Hatchery (NFH) (<https://www.fws.gov/southwest/fisheries/mora/index.html>). The Mora NFH is dedicated to the restoration and recovery of the threatened Gila trout, a fish found only in the high desert and mountain watersheds of the Gila, Salt, and Verde drainages in New Mexico and Arizona.

Gila Trout Awards were presented to Yvette Paroz (US Forest Service) and Jack Williams. Both individuals were recognized for their many years of work with the Apache and Gila trout recovery programs in Arizona and New Mexico including the public education and protection of the native trout through partnerships with numerous conservation organizations, state and federal agencies.

To promote the Arizona Conservation License Plate, a free drawing was held and those eligible were only those who already had an Arizona Conservation License Plate displayed on their vehicle. Each of the six winners were given a *Fishing Arizona's High Country* book.

The agenda and information on the annual conferences are available to the public for viewing at the Arizona Council of Trout Unlimited website at www.az-tu.com.



**9th Annual Native Trout Conference Attendees
April 12, 2018**

The \$1,800 grant from AZSFWC/WCC was directed to sharing costs for providing awards, food, water, soda, displays and paper products for the event. Acknowledgement of the AZSFWC grant was made throughout the event, a special drawing for those who owned a conservation license plate, included on the agenda, a *Thank You Funding Supporters* slide shown throughout the presentation, flyers displayed on the registration website and at the food and conference registration tables (see attachments).

Expenses incurred for the conference were:

\$ 629	Pre-conference dinner (AZGFD leaders, speakers, TU leaders)
927	Conference lunch: food, water, soda, paper products
1,094	Conference dinner/BBQ: food, water, soda, paper products
178	Awards
<u>539</u>	Displays, printing & signage
\$3,367	Total

The Arizona Council and four Arizona chapters thank you for your continued support in presenting this annual conference.

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April 12, 2018
9:00a.m. - 4:30p.m.

- 9:00a.m. Welcome from the Arizona Game and Fish Department**
Tracy Stephens – AZGFD Native Trout & Chub Coordinator
- 9:05a.m. Keynote Address: "Turning Our Vision into Reality"**
Ty Gray - AZGFD Director
- 9:20a.m. Lees Ferry Trout Stocking Proposal**
Chris Cantrell - AZGFD Aquatic Wildlife Chief
- 9:35a.m. Lees Ferry: Glen Canyon Dam Management Plan**
John Jordan - Trout Unlimited
- 9:50a.m. Forest Watershed and Stream Restorations – AZGFD & USFS**
- Overview: Joe Miller - Trout Unlimited
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- Post Fire Assessment (Grant Creek): Robin Marsett - Trout Unlimited
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Dan Dauwalter - Trout Unlimited

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- Sterling Springs Hatchery: David Fox - AZGFD
- Return to Creel Study (East Verde): Zach Beard - AZGFD
- Gila Recovery Plan Update: Julie Carter - AZGFD
- New Mexico Updates: Toner Mitchell - Trout Unlimited
- Mora National Fish Hatchery Update: Nate Weise - USFWS

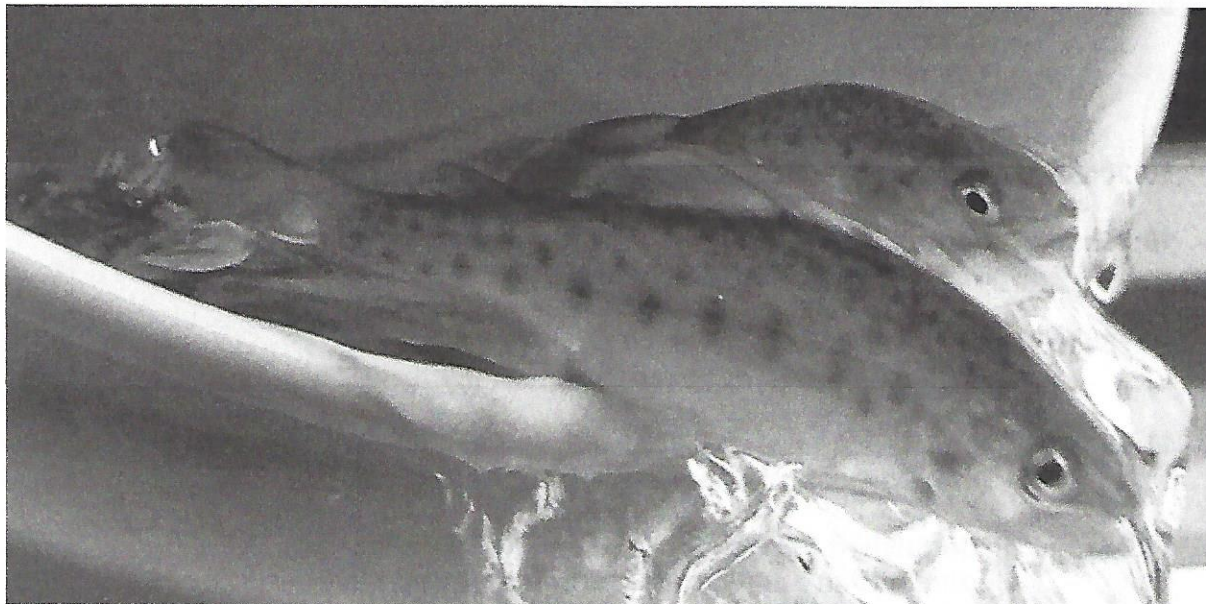
- Q & A: Apache and Gila Trout

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* Webinar / video conference

Note: If unable to attend the conference, participate throughout the day via webinar. Registration begins on April 12th at 8:45a.m. at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1607988866057962499>.

***Agenda and Webinar Announced for the
9th Annual Native and Wild Trout Conference***



**April 12, 2018
9:00a.m. - 4:30p.m.**

**Arizona Game and Fish Department Headquarters
5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ**

Sponsored by AZGFD and AZ State Council of Trout Unlimited

The conference is attended by those interested in meeting, networking, and developing future plans to promote restoration and management of native and wild coldwater fish species in Arizona and New Mexico. Over 135 individuals will attend the conference and represent more than 35 agencies and organizations involved in water conservation and management, trout recovery and habitat enhancement.

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Lunch and a BBQ following the conference will be hosted by AZ Sportsmen For Wildlife Conservation, AZ Flycasters, AZ TU Council and Old Pueblo Trout Unlimited Chapter.

Registration and information at www.az-tu.com.

Registration closes April 9, 2018

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Old Pueblo Trout Unlimited

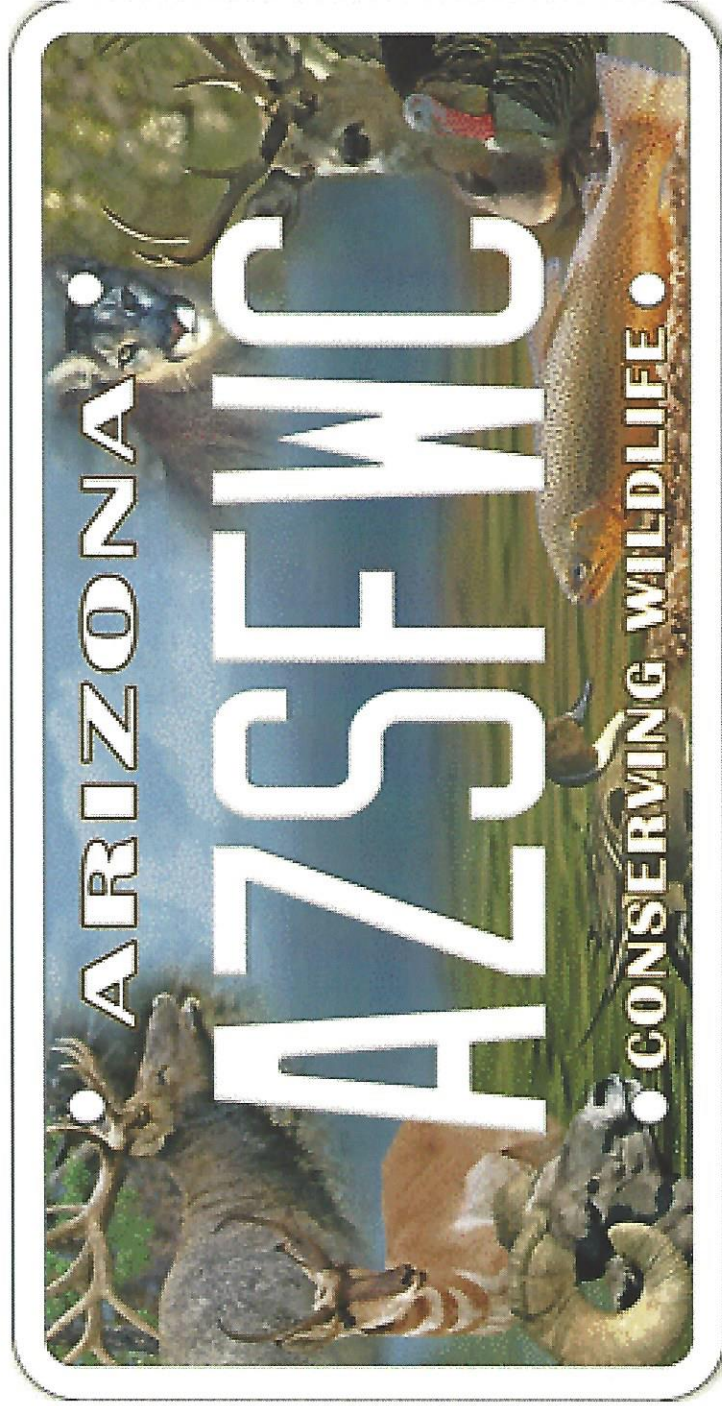


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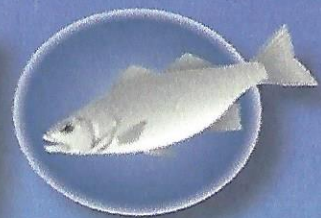
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